(b) Government have publicly indicated their willingness to talk to anyone to find a solution to the Punjab problem without compromising the integrity and unity of the country and the basic principles of the Constitution. The talks held by Prime Minister with Shri Mann were a step in that direction. There was, however, no agenda for the meeting nor was any commitment made. The Memorandum submitted by Shri Maan at that time did not make any reference to Article 51 of the Constitution. Any further discussions in this regard will be open.

(c) There was no communal violence in Punjab and therefore no comparison is possible.

Backlog of unemployed

851. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is the expected backlog of unemployment at the end of the current and the ensuing plan and what would be the segment of educated unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): The rate of growth of 3 per cent per annum for employment over the 1990s, envisaged in the Eighth Plan Approach document, is based on the goal of achieving near full employment by 2000 A.D. Estimates of expected backlog of unemployment at the end of the Eighth Plan have not been made.

Bomb blast in Dehradun Bound DTC Bus near Duhai in Uttar Pradesh

852. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:
CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a powerful bomb ripped apart a Delhi-Dehradun bound DTC bus near Duhai village, Ghaziabad on 19th February, 1991;

(b) if so, the number of persons dead or injured due to bomb blast in the bus;

(c) whether Government have since investigated the clue behind this blast;

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(e) the compensation paid by Government to the next of the kin in this blast; and

(f) whether police have arrested any culprits in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (f) The information is being obtained from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Creation of National Reconstruction Fund

853. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to involve the voluntary organisations to come forward to help the nation tide over the present economic crisis, especially in the context of Gulf War;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the light of the above, Government propose to create a National Reconstruction Fund;

(c) if so, what would be its Modus-Operandi;

(d) the amount of contributions received, if any so far in the fund; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to encourage voluntary contributions in this regard?

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